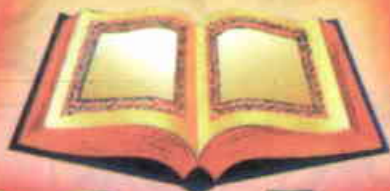


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As-Salaamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

All Praises are due to Allah (SWT) and innumerable Durood and Salaams upon our Holy Prophet Muhammed (SAW).

How fortunate that we are once more able to welcome the Blessed Month of Ramadan, which brings with it all its Grace and abundance of Spirituality. May you enjoy the ecstasy of it and may the Almighty Allah grant your household radiant health, happiness, prosperity and peace in the Universe.

My beloved father, SHEIKH AHMED DEEDAT, also conveys his best wishes and warm Salaams to you.

I acknowledge receipt of your book "THE BIBLE LED ME TO ISLAM". I read the book to Sheikh Ahmed Deedat last night, who was thrilled with joy on the quality of the book and its contents. Sheikh Deedat said "an outstanding piece of work."

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK. May Allah make it easy for you in your efforts. Aameen.

At the outset, our beloved father is more than a bundle of joy since he had suffered a stroke 2½ years ago. He has truly shocked us by partaking in a discussion with christian missionaries at home while still bedridden for over 1 hour.

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The missionaries came home to pray for his good health, but they started preaching and said:

THE GATE IN HEAVEN HAS A NAME ENGRAVED. THAT NAME IS NOT PROPHET MUHAMMED (PEACE BE UPON HIM) IS NOT PROPHET SULAIMAN (PEACE BE UPON HIM) AND IS NOT PROPHET MOOSA (PEACE BE UPON HIM) BUT THE NAME OF JESUS APPEARS ON THAT GATE AND THE KEY TO THE GATE IS THE BLOOD OF JESUS.

Respected Brother, you won't believe what happened when they told him this. My father via a communication board began to question them about the validity of their statements. This lasted an hour and they fled when they realised that he was placing them in an embarrassing position and disclosing to them their faults in their own book.

I am enclosing an article of a journalist who suffered a similar illness like my father. The only difference is my father still has his wit, speed and ability to remember this very day. JAZAKALLAH KHAIRAN.

We are grateful to Allah (SWT) for preserving his faculty of hearing, seeing and understanding.

We wish you everything of the best and please do keep in touch with us.

Please pray for our Sheikh Deedat and ask your family and friends to join us in prayer.

Was-Salaam.

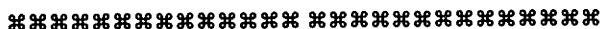
Your brother,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yousuf Ahmed Deedat', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

YOUSUF AHMED DEEDAT

I dedicate this effort to my mother, father, brothers, sisters, daughter (Adrienne), former-wife and mother-in-law whom I hope will one day become Muslims. Also, I would like to share the success of this book with Ahmed Deedat, whom I had the pleasure of meeting in an angelic state, in 1996, when he was a patient at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

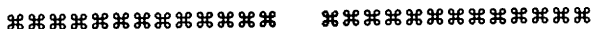
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PREFACE

This effort is for all Christians who recognize their inner responsibility and yearning for guided worship of the One True God. Worship that is not based on social, secular or family norms, but because it is his/her birthright and duty to worship their (our) Creator.

This book is a compilation of excerpts from several books addressing Christianity that I had the pleasure of reading before and after I became a Muslim. After becoming a Muslim, I continued to read books about Christianity because the “skin” of Christianity was hard to cast off after 28 years in the religion; years that almost led me to becoming the minister of an African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) church in Great Falls, Montana.

I have attempted to select and arrange pertinent information from these resourceful books in a straight forward manner, so as to provide the kind of tailored and consolidated information I would

have liked someone to give me during my Christian days. Nevertheless, the plan for me to embrace/revert back to Islam came as prescribed by Allah.

I would like to mention that when I refer to the word “God” in this book, I’m speaking of the One Supreme Being, who has no partners and is not part of a trinity. It should be mentioned that the Arabic word “Allah” was used by Christians as well as by Muslims according to the 1966 edition of Encyclopedia Britannica (See the word Allah).

I encourage you to set aside your pre-conceived notions about Christianity and Islam, and have an open mind for what is presented. It is my hope (By Allah’s Will) that this effort will open before you a spark of interest that enables you to continue to read beyond the Bible, and make an educated decision after understanding both religions. A decision that is based on your choice and not the choice of your parents or the media. Once you have all the facts, you can then align yourself with the only purpose we were created, and that is to worship (Allah) God.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

During my Christian days there were many verses in the Bible that made me question the religion I was following (Christianity). There was one particular verse, **1 Thessalonians 5:17** which says; “**pray without ceasing**,” that lingered heavily in my mind. I often wondered how a person (Christian) was supposed to pray (be in a state of worship) without ceasing? Without any biblical or divine guidance, the only way I thought this to be possible was to always do good deeds and keep the remembrance of God on my tongue and in my heart. However, I found this to be somewhat impossible to do. But when I was introduced to Islam in 1987, and began to read and learn more about this way of life, I found that Islam provided divine guidance both from God (Allah) and Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) by which a person could pray (be in a state of worship) without ceasing, if it was the will of God.

Whether waking up, eating, sleeping, putting on clothes, being in the presence of a woman, looking at a woman, going shopping, going to the

bathroom, looking in the mirror, traveling, visiting the sick, sitting in a non-religious meeting, taking a bath, having sexual intercourse with one's wife, yawning, cutting your nails, sneezing, greeting people, talking, hosting guests at home, walking, exercising, fighting, entering my house, praying and many other acts, Islam and the guidance therein of the Quran, and the acts and sayings of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), provided ways in which I could observe **1 Thessalonians 5:17**. In addition, it allowed me to be at peace with myself, and in submission to the One True God - Allah.

This divine guidance of Islam taught me greatly about my duties, responsibilities and birthright to my Creator (Allah), and more about the religion of Christianity. Hence, having read and learned more about Christianity as a Muslim, I (By the Will of Allah) felt it necessary to share with you how the Bible led me to Islam.

CHRISTIANITY

Given the fact that there has never been in the history of the Torah (Old Testament) for the religion of God to be named after a Prophet (i.e., Adamanity, Abrahamity, Mosanity, etc.), I hope to explain that Jesus did not preach the religion of Christianity, but a religion that gives all Praise and Worship to The One God.

One of the questions I asked myself as I took an objective (second) look at Christianity was; where did the word Christianity come from and was the word ever mentioned by Jesus? Well, I did not find the word Christianity in the Bible, not even in a Bible dictionary. Specifically, I did not find in the Bible where Jesus called himself a Christian.

The word Christian was first mentioned by a pagan to describe those who followed Jesus. It is mentioned one of three times in the New Testament by a pagan and Jews in Antioch about 43 A.D., (**Acts 11:26**, **Acts 26:28** and **1 Peter 4:16**) long after Jesus had left this earth.⁸ To accept the words of pagans as having any value or

association with divinity, Jesus or God is contrary to the teachings of all prophets.

Jesus prophesied that people will worship him uselessly and believe in doctrines made by men (**Matthew 15:9**):

“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

This verse, **Matthew 15:9**, is further supported by these words of the Quran, 5: 116 - 117:

“And behold! Allah will say: ‘O Jesus, son of Mary, didst thou say unto men, ‘Take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah?’” He (Jesus) will say: “Glory to Thee! Never could I say what I had no right. Had I said such a thing Thou wouldst indeed have known it. Thou knowst what is in my heart, though I know not what is in Thine. For Thou knowest in full all that is hidden. Never said I to aught except what Thou didst command me to say, to wit, “Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord’: And I was a witness over them whilst I dwelt amongst them;

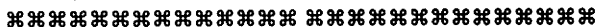
when Thou didst take me up Thou wast the Watcher over them, and Thou art a witness to all things."

وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ ءَأَنْتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي وَأُمِّي
إِلَهَيْنِ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ قَالَ سُبْحَانَكَ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ
لِي بِحَقٍّ إِنْ كُنْتُ قُلْتُهُ فَقَدْ عَلِمْتَهُ تَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَلَا أَعْلَمُ مَا
فِي نَفْسِكَ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ (١١٦) مَا قُلْتُ لَهُمْ إِلَّا مَا
أَمَرْتَنِي بِهِ أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ وَكُنْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيداً مَا
دُمْتُ فِيهِمْ فَلَمَّا تَوَفَّيْتَنِي كُنْتُ أَنْتَ الرَّقِيبَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَنْتَ عَلَى
كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ (١١٧) « المائدة »

I found that Biblical verses like **John 5:30, John 12:49, John 14:28, Isaiah 42:8** and **Acts 2:22** support the above-mentioned verses of the Quran.

Before leaving the subject of Christianity, which will be discussed throughout this book, I should mention one small, but significant, point of observation.

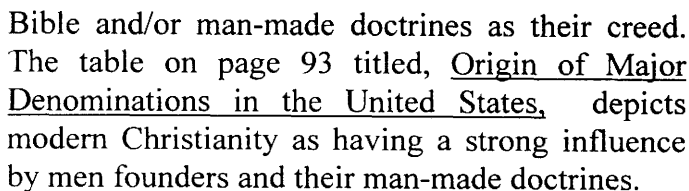
If Christians are “Christ-like,” why are they not greeting each other with the words; Peace Be With You (Salamu Alaikum), as Jesus did in **Luke 24:36**. As you may be aware, the greeting from one Muslim to another Muslim is Assalamu Alaikum; a Christ-like saying.



VARIOUS HOLY BIBLES

It is worth mentioning that the Bible references cited in this book may not be exactly as the Bible you are using. There are many Bibles on the market that are used by different Christian sects and all of these sects say that their book, though different, is the word of God. Such Bibles are: The Revised Standard Version 1952 & 1971, New American Standard Bible, The Holy Bible: New International Version, The Living Bible, New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures used by Jehovah Witnesses, Roman Catholic Version and the King James Version. A special note: I have not found within the verses of these Bibles where the “New Testament” calls itself the “New Testament,” and nowhere does the “Old Testament” call itself the “Old Testament.” Also, the word “Bible” is unknown within the pages of the Bible.¹⁰

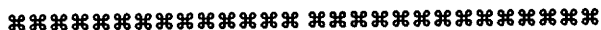
In addition to the many different Christian sects and Bibles, I have learned that there are also different men, not prophets, who founded these sects and are using various interpretations of the



I would like to share with you some thoughts that you may not have read or known about the Bible being the Word of God. Briefly, let me mention that on 8 September 1957, the Jehovah's Witnesses in their "Awake" magazine carried this startling headline - 50,000 ERRORS IN THE BIBLE. If you ask a Jehovah's Witness about this headline, it may be said that today most of those errors have been eliminated. How many have been eliminated, 5,000? 500? 50? Even if 50 remain, would one attribute those errors to God? ¹⁰

Is **Jeremiah 8:8** also saying that the Law/Torah has been tampered with and is not completely the words of God?:

“How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.”



Let me pose another question: If a “holy” book contained conflicting verses, do you still consider it to be holy? Most likely you will say of course not. Let me share with you some conflicting verses both in the Old and New Testaments:

II Samuel 8:4	(vs) I Chronicles 18:4
II Samuel 8:9-10	I Chronicles 18:9-10
II Kings 8:26	II Chronicles 22:2
II Samuel 6:23	II Samuel 21:8
Genesis 6:3	Genesis 9:29
John 5:37	John 14:9
John 5:31	John 8:14

Only two contradictions of the New Testament have been mentioned, but others will be referenced when the Trinity, Divinity of Jesus Christ, Divine Sonship of Jesus, Original Sin and Atonement are reviewed.

How could the “inspired words” of God get the genealogy of Jesus incorrect (See **Matthew 1:6-16** where it states 26 forefathers up to prophet David, and **Luke 3:23-31** says 41 in number). Or for that matter, give a genealogy to Jesus who had no

father? See **II Kings 19:1-37**, now read **Isaiah 37:1-38**. Why is it that the words of these verses are identical? Yet they have been attributed to two different authors, one unknown and the other is Isaiah, who are centuries apart; and yet, the Christians have claimed these books to be inspired by God.¹⁰ So God Almighty forgot that He had dictated the passage before so He had to dictate it again, word for word?

Other contradictions of the Bible can be found in the book titled; 101 Clear Contradictions in the Bible, by Shabir Ally. A sample of them are provided below:

#50 - Did Jesus die before the curtain of the temple was torn?

(a) Yes (Matthew 27:50-51; Mark 15:37-38)

(b) No. After the curtain was torn, then Jesus crying with a loud voice (Luke 23:45-46).

#54 - Did Jesus ascend to Paradise the same day of the crucifixion?

(a) Yes. He said to the thief who defended him, "Today you will be with me in Paradise (Luke 23:43)

From the brief points mentioned above, and the fact that Biblical scholars themselves have recognized the human nature and human composition of the bible (Curt Kuhl, The Old Testament: Its Origin and Composition, pp 47, 51, 52), there should exist in the Christian's mind some acceptance to the fact that maybe every word of the Bible is not God's Word.

As a side note to this subject, let me mention that some Christians believe that the Bible was dictated to Prophet Mohammed by a Christian monk, and that is why some of the biblical accounts are in the Quran. After some research, I found that this could not have happened because there were no Arabic Bibles in existence in the 6th century of the Christian era when Mohammed lived and preached.¹¹ Therefore, no Arab, not even Prophet Mohammed, who was absolutely unlettered and unlearned, would have had the opportunity to examine the written text of the Bible in his own language. The Quran 5:15-16 says:

***O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)!
Now has come to you Our Messenger***

(Mohammed) explaining to you much of that which you used to hide from the Scripture and passing over (i.e., leaving out without explaining) much. Indeed, there has come to you from Allah a light (Mohammed) and a plain Book (this Quran), wherewith Allah guides all those who seek His Good Pleasure to ways of peace, and he brings them out of darkness by His will unto light and guides them to a Straight Way.

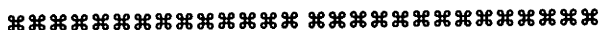
يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ
قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ كَثِيرًا مِمَّا
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النُّورِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَيَهْدِيهِمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ



If you read **Luke 1:2 - 3**, you will learn, as I did that Luke (who was not one of the 12 disciples and never met Jesus) said that he himself was not an eyewitness to Jesus' walk on earth, and the knowledge he gathered was from eyewitnesses, and not as words inspired by God.⁸ Incidentally, why does every "Gospel" begin with the introduction ACCORDING TO. Why "according to?" The reason for this is because not a single one of the gospels carries its original author's autograph! Even the internal evidence of **Matthew 9:9** proves that Matthew was not the author of the first Gospel which bears his name:

“And as Jesus passed forth thence, HE (Jesus) saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and HE (Jesus) saith unto HIM (Matthew), follow ME (Jesus). And HE (Matthew) arose, and followed HIM (Jesus).”

Without any stretch of the imagination, one can see that the HE's and the HIM's of the above narration do not refer to Jesus or Matthew as its



author, but a third person writing what he saw or heard - a hearsay account, ¹⁰ and not words inspired by God.

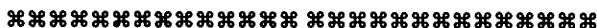
It is worth noting, and well known throughout the religious world, that the choice of the present four “gospels” of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) were imposed in the Council of Nicea 325 C.E. for political purposes under the auspices of the pagan Emperor Constantine,⁵ and not by Jesus.

Constantine’s mind had not been enlightened either by study or by inspiration. He was a pagan, a tyrant and criminal who murdered his son, his wife and thousands of innocent individuals because of his lust for political power. Constantine ratified other decisions in the Nicene creed such as the decision to call Christ “the Son of God, only begotten of the Father.”¹³

Literally, hundreds of gospels and religious writings were hidden from the people. Some of those writings were written by Jesus’ disciples, and many of them were eyewitnesses to Jesus’

actions. The Nicea Council decided to destroy all gospels written in Hebrew which resulted in the burning of nearly three hundred accounts.¹³ If these writings were not more authentic than the four present gospels, they were of equal authenticity. Some of them are still available such as the Gospel of Barnabas and the Shepherd of Hermas which agree with the Quran.⁵ The Gospel of Barnabas, until now, is the only eyewitness account of the life and mission of Jesus.¹³ Even today, the whole of the Protestant world, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists and other sects and denominations condemn the Roman Catholic version of the Bible because it contains seven "extra" books. The Protestants have bravely expunged seven whole books from their "Word of God." A few of the outcasts are the Books of Judith, Tobias, Baruch and Esther.¹⁰

Concerning Jesus' teachings of the Gospel (Injeel), the Gospel writers frequently mentioned Jesus preaching the Gospel: **Matthew 9:35, Mark 8:35 and Luke 20:1**. The word "gospel" is recurrently used in the Bible. However, in the New Testament Greek edition, the word evangelion is



brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

John's Gospel is from a different source, and was written in about 100 A.D.⁷ He (John) should not be confused with John, the disciple, who was beheaded by Agrippa I in the year 44 CE long before this gospel was written. It should be known that for two centuries it was hotly debated whether the Gospel of John should be accepted as a reliable account of the life of Jesus, and whether it should be included in the scriptures.⁷

Christians, as I once did, boast about the Gospels According to Matthew, According to Mark, According to Luke and According to John. However, if we think about it, there is not a single Gospel according to Jesus himself.¹⁰ According to the preface of the KJV New Open Bible Study Edition, the word "Gospel" was added (see the information below) to the original titles, "According to John, According to Matthew, According to Luke and According to Mark."

- John Meier, a professor at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC, concludes:
 - * He (Jesus) was born around 7 BC in Nazareth, not in Bethlehem as the gospel of Luke says.
 - * Despite official Catholic teaching that Mary, the mother of Jesus, remained a virgin all of her life, Meier says Jesus had four brothers and at least two sisters, details that emerge from the gospels of Mark and John and from the writings of Paul. The virgin birth of Jesus, says Meier, “cannot be proven or disproven” by historical investigation.
 - * He had a brief ministry in Galilee as a teacher, prophet and worker of deeds that were perceived by some as miracles.
 - * He was arrested in Jerusalem and crucified under Pontius Pilate somewhere around A.D. 30. His followers claimed he rose from the dead. (Page 50)
- John Crossan, one of the most prolific of the modern questers, a former Roman Catholic priest and professor emeritus at Depaul University in Chicago, thinks the evidence he’s

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gathered would rule out most of Christianity's traditional teachings. Biblical accounts of the Last Supper and appearances of the risen Jesus, he says for example, are merely attempts by his devout followers to express their "continued experience" of his presence after the Crucifixion. (Page 52)

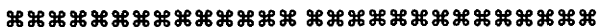
the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

It is clear that Jesus and the 12 disciples were sent for the people of Israel and not to the world. So **John 3:16; “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life,”** should not make reference to “whoever” but to the children of Israel.

Another noteworthy saying of Jesus is **Matthew 5:17-18:**

“Think not that I come to destroy the law (Torah) or the prophets: (Adam, Abraham, Moses, Noah, David, etc.), I come not to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily, I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one title shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

In **Matthew 8:4**, Jesus instructed the cured leper to “go to the Priest” and offer that which was prescribed by Moses. Some Christian sects go



that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill" <Matt. 5:17-19>.

The holy God uttered His Commandments from the top of Mount Sinai amid smoke and fire-- visible expressions of His power, majesty, and authority <Ex. 19:16--20:17>. Later the Commandments were engraved on two tablets of stone, "written with the finger of God" <Ex. 31:18>. The awesome nature of the events surrounding the giving of the law is mentioned a number of times in the Bible, perhaps to emphasize the solemnity of the occasion <Ex. 19:16-19; Deut. 4:11-12>.

The Ten Commandments form the heart of the special COVENANT between God and His people. He told them, "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people... And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" <Ex. 19:5>. These verses also emphasize that their obedience to the Commandments was to be the basis of Israel's existence as the special people of God.

God never intended for the Ten Commandments to be a set of regulations by which the people of Israel would earn salvation. God's favor had already been freely granted! This was overwhelmingly demonstrated by His deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage <Deut. 4:37>. Therefore, at the heart of the covenant relationship lay an act of divine GRACE. God even prefaced the Ten Commandments with a reminder of His deliverance <Ex. 20:2>.

The Ten Commandments are still relevant today. The world desperately needs to see the name and character of God displayed in the lives of Christians who still take His Word seriously. These Commandments, particularly coupled with the teachings of Christ, are still the best guidelines for practical daily living known to man.

Read Romans 13:8&9:

(Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself).³

By the use of **Romans 13:8-9**, Paul has excused Christians from their obligation to worship God with all faculties of their body by basically saying, all that a person has to do to fulfill the Law (Torah/Old Testament) is to love one another as thyself. Jesus did not exclude our first and foremost obligation (which is one of the first and greatest commandments) to worship only One God; and secondly, to love our neighbor as stressed in **Mark 12:29-31**:

And Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the

Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.”

After reading **Galatians 5:2**; “Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing,”³ I learned that Paul abolished circumcision which is included in the law (Torah). As a matter of fact, Jesus and John the Baptist were both circumcised. This abolishment of Paul’s is a contradiction to Jesus’ and Abraham’s teachings. For all Muslims and Christians are from the seed of Abraham, and circumcision is an obligatory act. In fact, Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, and his religion, which should be followed, is the worship of no god but the One True God.

With **Matthew 5:17-18** in mind, let me identify another inconsistency in the New Testament. In **Mark 16:15** it is mentioned that Jesus said:

“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

This contradicts **Matthew 1:21, 10:5-6, 15:24,** and **28:19.** Depending upon which Bible you are using, **Matthew 28:19** could read “**all nations**” or as “**all the nations,**” which should mean the twelve tribes of Israel as Jesus said in **Matthew 15:24.**

decoration of (Christmas) trees in **Jeremiah 10:2-5**:

Thus saith the Lord, “Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.”³

Verses like **Matthew 28:19**, **John 14:11** and **1 John 5:7 & 8** may be used by Christians to confirm the Trinity. The Trinitarian dogma was merely deduced from **1 John 5:7** which states:

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

This verse has long been exposed as spurious, an unauthorized addition to the Greek text of the New Testament. Christian scholars of the Bible later found that this dogma was an interpolation in the

King James version. In fact, no less than a group of 32 Christian scholars of highest eminence, advised by a board of 50 representatives of various denominations came up in 1949 with a revised standard version of the New Testament, and of the whole Bible in 1952, discarding the foregoing passage.¹³

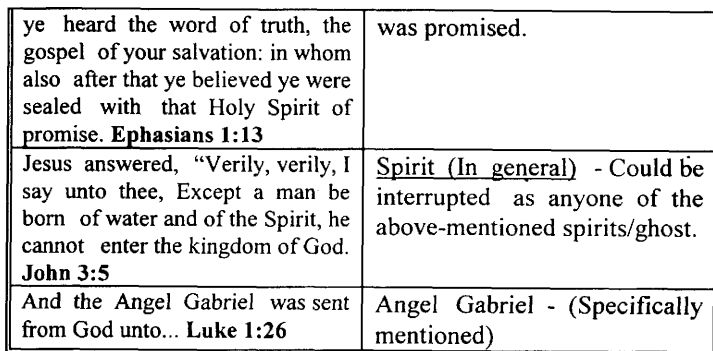
The New Testament refers many times to Jesus as God's servant (see **Matthew. 12:18** for example). Now read **Acts 2:22**:

“Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.”

How then could Jesus be God's servant and God at the same time? Read **John 17:21, (That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.),** and you will deduce that if God, Jesus and the Holy Ghost form one unity of the Trinity, then with the

It is unclear to determine whether it is the holy ghost, holy spirit, spirit of truth, spirit of God or spirit in general that supposedly make up the "trinity." For the Nelson Bible dictionary indicates that the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit are the same, which is a contradiction to the belief of some Christian sects. However, there are various verses in the bible that depicts different actions of the various spirits:

Verses	Spirits
And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee. Luke 1:35	<u>Holy Ghost</u> - Performing miracles by God's command
Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelth in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16	<u>Spirit of God</u> - Dwelling within a person
Even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive... John 14:17	<u>Spirit of Truth</u> - Whom the world cannot receive
Give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him. Luke 11:13	<u>Holy Spirit</u> - Given to those that ask. Dwelling within
But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. John 15:26	<u>Comforter (Holy Ghost)</u> - To come after Jesus left the earth. <u>Spirit of Truth</u> - That which comes from the Father.
In whom ye also trusted, after that	<u>Holy Spirit</u> - The spirit that



“They disbelieve who say: Allah is one of three (In a Trinity) for there is no god except One God. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous chastisement will befall the disbelievers among them.”

لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَالِثُ ثَلَاثَةٍ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَمَسَّنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ (٧٣) المائدة ،

Is this not what is mentioned in the law (Torah/Old Testament) of Moses within the meaning of the first commandment - The Oneness of God, which Jesus came not to destroy but to fulfill, as conveyed strongly in **John 5:46-47**:

“For had you believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if you believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”

Moses spoke of no Trinity, neither did Jesus! So why should Christians?

A special reference concerning the Trinity should be added here as printed in the August 25th 1997 issue of Newsweek titled Hail, Mary,.

- Further to the Holy Trinity, a growing movement in the Roman Catholic Church wants the Pope to proclaim a new, controversial dogma: that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a co-redeemer. Therefore, in place of the Holy Trinity, it would appear, there would be a kind of Holy Quartet, with many playing the multiple roles of daughter of the Father, mother of the Son and spouse of the Holy Spirit.

JESUS AS GOD

It is common knowledge that the divinity of Jesus was introduced by Paul, who never met Jesus or his followers, and was established on the dead bodies of millions of Christians through history which evoked Castillo's well-known remark "To burn a man is not to prove a doctrine."⁵ As the doctrine of the divinity of Jesus Christ is presented, keep in mind these two very important verses:

(Matthew 5:17 & 18): "Think not that I come to destroy the law or the prophets, I come not to destroy but to fulfill..."

Is Jesus God? Some Christians would say; yes, and use **John 1:1; In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God**, as their support. But remember, as stated earlier in **John 5:37**, no man has seen or heard God. So using **John 1:1** in support that Jesus is God would mean that there are at least two Gods (God and Jesus). Let me point out other disagreements to **John 1:1** from **Deuteronomy**

4:39, Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaac 43:10-11, Isaac 44:6 and Isaac 45:18. For **Isaac 43:10-11** states that there is no savior but God, and **Isaac 45:18** concludes that God alone was the Creator and no one else, not even Jesus, participated in the creation. Other verses that support the oneness of God, as do the entire Quran, can be found in **Deuteronomy 4:35, Exodus 8:10, II Samuel 7:22, I Kings 8:23, I Chronicles 17:20, Psalms 86:8, 89:6 and 113:5, Hosea 13:4 and Zachariah 14:9.**

In the New Testament, Jesus specifically said he came not to destroy the law, and he confirms that in relationship to the oneness of God in **Mark 12:29:**

“And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.”

And 1 Corinthians 8:4:

“...none other God but one.”

“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandment of men.”

This verse is speaking of the Christians. For there is no other religion that worships Jesus except Christianity, and the very act of worshipping Jesus opposes **Exodus 20:3-6, Matthew 4:10** and **Luke 4:8** which says:

Exodus 20:3-6

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.”

Matthew 4:10

JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD

Is Jesus the Son of God? **Matthew 3:17**, which was shown earlier, as a contradiction concerning hearing God's voice could be used by some Christians to support the divine sonship of Jesus. If **Matthew 3:17**; "**And lo a voice for heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased,**" is used to support divine sonship, then there should be no other verse that contradicts or gives equal divine sonship to another person or persons in the Old or New Testament. However, many references were found in the Old and New Testaments that mentioned someone other than Jesus as having a divine sonship to God. See **Exodus 4:22**:

"Israel is my son, even my firstborn."

II Samuel 7:14/I Chronicles 22:10:

"...and he shall be my son [Solomon]."

Jeremiah 31:9:

“...and Ephraim is my firstborn,” and Psalm 2:7.

The word “Son” must not be accepted literally because God addresses many of his chosen servants as son and sons. The Jews have also claimed Ezra to be the Son of God. The New Testament Greek words used for “son” (*pias* and *paida*, which mean servant, or son in the sense of servant) are translated as son in reference to Jesus and as servant in reference to others in some translations of the Bible.⁵ Further, the term “Father” as used by Jesus corresponds more closely to the term Rabb, i.e., one who nourishes and sustains, so that in Jesus’ doctrine God is “Father” - Nourisher and Sustainer - of all men.¹⁴ The New Testament also interprets “son of God” to be allegorical: “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” (**Romans 8:14**).⁹ This allegorical suggestion is further supported with Jesus being called the only begotten Son of God.

In **Psalm 2:7**, the Lord said to David:

“...Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.”

Does this mean that God had two sons? Jesus also said that God is not only his Father but also your Father (**Matthew 5:45,48**). **Luke 3:38** says:

“...Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the Son of God.”

Who is mentioned in **Hebrews 7:3** as like unto the Son of God? It is Melchisedec, King of Salem, as mentioned in **Hebrews 7:1**. He [Melchisedec] is more unique than Jesus or Adam. Why is he not preferred to be the Son of God?⁸ Moreover, Adam did not have a mother or father, but was the first human being created by God and in the likeness of God to exist in the Garden of Eden and on earth. Wouldn't this give more rights to Adam to be called the son of God in its truest meaning?

I would like to share with you an obvious contradiction between **John 3:16**, **Luke 10:25-28** and **Matthew 19:16-17**. **John 3:16** reads:

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Now let's read **Luke 10:25-28**:

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, “Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, “What is written in the law? How readest thou?” And he answering said, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.” And he said unto him, “Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.”

These verses tell us that the inheritance of eternal life is for anyone who believes and worships no other God, but the One True God. **Luke 10:25-28** agrees with **Matthew 19:16-17** which says;

“And behold, one came and said to him (Jesus), Good teacher, what good things shall I do that I

may have eternal life? So he (Jesus) said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? - No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into eternal life, keep the commandments.’

There is no commandment that says to worship Jesus, but there is one that tells us to worship God alone.

In **Luke 4:41**, Jesus refused to be called the Son of God by demons. Do you think that Jesus would rebuke the demons, or anyone else for that matter, for telling the truth? Unquestionably, no! Jesus rebuked the demons because they were saying something false by calling him the Son of God. Also, if the demons knew that Jesus was the Christ, for Jesus to shut them up because they called him the Christ is a contradiction to Jesus’ mission.

In **Luke 9:20 & 21**, Jesus said unto his disciples:

“But who say ye that I am? Peter answered saying, “The Christ of God, and Jesus

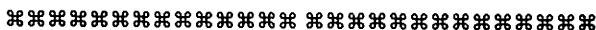
straightly charged them and commanded them to tell no man that thing.”

Furthermore, verses like **John 3:2, John 6:14; John 7:40, Matthew 21:11, Luke 7:16 and 24:19** confirm that Jesus accepted the title of teacher, prophet and called himself the son of man in **Matthew 8:20, 12:40, 17:9 & 12, 26:24, Luke 9:26, 22:48, 22:69, and 24:7.**

The most conclusive verse that says Jesus is the son (servant) of man is **Mark 14:62** where Jesus mentions his position on the Day of Reckoning. Jesus specifically said we would see the son of man, not the son of God, sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

The act of begetting is a physical act and such act is against God's nature.⁹ The Quran **19:35** says:

“It is not befitting to [the majesty of] Allah that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him! When He determines a matter He only says to it “Be,” and it is.”



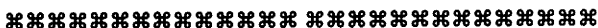
مَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ مِنْ وَلَدٍ سُبْحَانَهُ إِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ
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The teachings of Jesus as the Son of God was not preached by Jesus nor accepted by Jesus, but was taught by Paul as supported in **Acts 9:20**:

“And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.”

Did Jesus ever claim to be God or say, “Here am I, your God, worship me? The answer is no. For there is no single, unequivocal statement in the Bible whereby Jesus himself declares, “I am God, therefore worship me.” Virtually all of the more than two thousand verses of the epistles of Paul are his own fabrications to include **Romans 9:5** that says, depending upon which Bible you read:

“... Christ came, who is overall, the eternally blessed God.”¹³



Christians should know that Paul himself mentions his own gospel, not Jesus', in his epistle to the Romans when he says in **Romans 2:16**:

“In the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.”

In fact, the Pauline epistle to the Romans serves as the foundation of today's Christianity.¹³ Thus, it is the Christians whose efforts will be wasted in this life as they think they were acquiring good by their works when they attribute partners to God, as stated in Chapter **18:103-106** of the Quran:

“Say: Shall we tell you of those who lost most in respect of their deeds? Those whose efforts have been wasted in this life, while they thought that they were acquiring good by their works?” They are those who deny the Signs of their Lord and the fact of their having to meet Him (in the Hereafter): vain will be their works, nor shall We, on the Day of Judgment, give them any weight. That is their reward, Hell; because they rejected Faith, and took My Signs and My Messengers by way of jest.

قُلْ هَلْ نُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِالْأَخْسَرِينَ أَعْمَالًا (١٠٣) الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَعْيُهُمْ فِي
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Indeed, it is so strange and ironic, knowing that none of Paul's epistle to the Romans, more than 430 verses, were ever formulated by Jesus. Paul should have made direct reference to the pristine teachings of Jesus, if only the former claim for apostleship by divine inspiration was indeed true. Instead, large parts of his epistles' biblical quotations (notably those in the Epistle to the Romans) were taken from the Old Testament - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Hosea. His epistles were, indeed, a product of tedious efforts, but that does not make Paul far better than any of the other men who authored the Bible, nor does it make him a prophet.¹³

family may sound a bit cruel, but it would prove two points: (1) you would know that you are on the wrong path; and, (2) it would put you on the right path.

THE CRUCIFIXION AND ATONEMENT

A very significant pillar in the Christian doctrine is the crucifixion for the atonement of sins. This pillar of Christianity and its association to a man-made doctrine is clearly explained in the following excerpt from the book Salvation Through Repentance by Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips, pages 15-17 :

Atonement in the Old Testament was an annual ceremony designed to cleanse the temple, priesthood, and people of their sins while renewing their special relationship with God. The ritual included fasting and sacrifice. The ceremony continues to be observed within Judaism, stressing confession and repentance of sins on Yom Kippur, a day set aside as the holiest day of the year.

In order to justify the heretical belief in the incarnation of God as Jesus Christ and his apparent death on the cross, Paul in his letters to the Galatians and Romans argued that atonement by law required complete obedience for which man was incapable. He proposed, instead, that Christ's death had a redeeming power, providing atonement for sinners who believed in him.

The Pauline view that man's sin prevents him from approaching God and that he can only be reconciled through Christ's sacrificial death was further developed by the Christian theologian Irenaeus (125-202 C.E.), Bishop of Lyon, who developed around it the first system of Catholic belief. Another Christian theologian, Augustine of Hippo (334-430 C.E.), developed doctrines of the Fall, Original Sin and Predestination, holding that by heredity man is tainted with the sin of Adam's fall from God's Grace and that God has inexplicably chosen some persons to saved, the rest being consigned to everlasting damnation. Thus, man was inherently evil and sinful, and only Christ, sacrificing himself for mankind, could (in the words of St. Anselm) completely satisfy God's just punishment for man's sins against God. St. Augustine further taught that justification (absolution from sins) occurs by means of grace originating in God but infused through sacramental channels. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), the leading Christian theologian of the Middle Ages, upheld St. Augustine's view which had by then become a basic unchallengeable doctrine.

Before talking about the many controversies surrounding the crucifixion, it should be rementioned that it was a gospel of Paul's which professed the crucifixion/resurrection of Jesus (**II Timothy 2:8**):

“Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel.”⁸

In addition, the gospel of the resurrection in **Mark 16:9-20** was already removed from the text by gospel writers in the 1952 edition of the Revised Standard Version and then, for some reasons, restored in the 1971 edition. In many Bibles, if not removed, it is printed in small print or between two brackets and with commentary (See the Revised Standard Version, New American Bible and New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures).⁸

The traditional biblical account of Jesus' crucifixion is that he was arrested and crucified by the orders and plans of the chief priest and Jewish elders. This account was denied in the 1960's by the highest Catholic Christian authority, the Pope. He issued a statement in which he said the Jews had nothing to do with Jesus' crucifixion.⁵

Did any one of the disciples or the writers of the Gospel see the crucifixion or the resurrection? No!

Early Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to the sepulchre, which was empty. She saw somebody standing who looked like a gardener. She recognized him after a conversation to be Jesus and wanted to touch him. Jesus said (**John 20:17**):

“Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father...”⁸

Now read **Luke 24:36-41**:

“And as they [disciples] thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are you troubled? And why so thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they

gave him a piece of boiled fish and of a honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.”

Does a spiritual or dead body have a need to eat food? Jesus eating of food was to prove to the disciples that he was not a spirit, but rather, he was still alive and not dead.

Jesus being alive and not dead is further supported in his own prophecy (**Matthew 12:40**):

“For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

Did Jesus fulfill this miracle? Christians would say “yes,” because Jesus died and rose three days later according to **Luke 24:26** and **Matthew 20:19**, to name a few verses. However, in line with the miracle of Jonas and according to the Bible, Jesus only spent one day and two nights¹² in the sepulchre, and not three days and three nights as he prophesied.

Jesus was put in the sepulchre just before sunset on Friday (Good Friday) and was found missing before sunrise on Sunday (Easter). If we were to s-t-r-e-t-c-h the time frame a bit, one may say that Jesus spent three days in the earth, but there is no way and I repeat, no way, that Jesus spent three nights in the earth. We must not forget that the Gospels are explicit in telling us that it was “before sunrise” on Sunday morning that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty.¹²

Consequently, there are some inconsistencies as to whether Jesus fulfilled his own prophecy. Whether he was actually crucified, or if the day (Good Friday) of his alleged crucifixion is wrong. Another significant point to mention is that Jonas was alive in the belly of the whale. The Christians say, Jesus was dead in the belly of the earth/tomb, and this contradict Jesus’ own prophecy. Jesus said (**Luke 11:30**):

“As Jonah was... so shall the Son of man be.”

If Jonas was alive, so was Jesus.

One critical event that took place before the alleged crucifixion was the prayer of Jesus to God for help. **Luke 22:42:**

“Saying, Father if thou be willing, remove this cup (of death) from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done.”

Jesus’ prayer not to die on the cross was accepted by God according to **Luke 22:43** and **Hebrews 5:7**.⁸ Therefore, if all of Jesus’ prayers were accepted by God, including not to die on the cross, how could he have died on the cross?

In **Matthew 27:46**, it states that while Jesus was on the cross he said:

“Eli, Eli, lama sabachtani (My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?).

If Jesus said these words, it represents a blatant declaration of disbelief according to all theological authorities. This is a great insult as such words could only come from an unbeliever in God.

Further, it is incredible that such words should come from a Prophet of God, because God never breaks His promise and His Prophets never complained against His promise, especially when the Prophet's mission is understood. It could be said that whoever relates that this statement was said by a Prophet [Jesus], is a disbeliever.⁷

Muslims believe, as the Quran states, Jesus was not crucified. It was the intention of his enemies to put him to death on the cross, but Allah saved him from their plot.¹³ Quran 4:157:

“That they [Jews] said boasting, “We killed Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah,” but they [Jews] killed him not, nor crucified him...”

وَقَوْلِهِمْ إِنَّا قَتَلْنَا الْمَسِيحَ عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَلَكِنْ شُبِّهَ لَهُمْ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِلَّا اتِّبَاعَ الظَّنِّ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ يَقِينًا (١٥٧) النساء ،

THE RESURRECTION

Before discussing the resurrection, it should be mentioned that the holiday of Easter, the supposedly day of Jesus' resurrection was originally a pagan festival honoring Eostre, a Teutonic (Germanic) goddess of light and spring. At the time of the vernal equinox (the day in the spring when the sun crosses the equator and day and night are of equal length), sacrifices were offered in her honor. As early as the eighth century, the name "Easter" was used to designate the annual celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.¹⁵ Again, the Christians have taking the ignorance of paganism and associated it with Jesus.

So where do Christians get the belief of the resurrection from? They got it from the teachings of Paul (**Acts 17:18**). Paul, who said he was an appointed apostle by Jesus according to his own vision. He never saw Jesus, declared Jesus as the Son of God (**Acts 9:20**), and admitted that the resurrection was his gospel (**II Timothy 2:8**). So Christianity in its present belief that the

Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath a husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then; if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but, if her husband be dead, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

The above-mentioned verses clearly show that Paul made a distinction between Jesus and Christ. According to his reasoning, the law which had bound Jesus and his followers was no longer necessary since Jesus had died. Now they were no

longer “married” to Jesus but to Christ, who had brought another law in a direct revelation to him (Paul). It was, therefore, necessary to follow Christ and not Jesus. Thus, anyone who held to Jesus’ teaching had gone astray. It was the use of this reasoning that Paul assembled his doctrine of redemption and atonement. Jesus never taught this theory. It was a great success, since, in so many words, it preached that a man could do what he wanted and not face the inevitable consequences of his actions, provided that, at the end of the day, he said: “I believe in Christ.” However, the basic premise on which Paul’s reasoning was based is false, since Jesus was neither crucified nor resurrected. His doctrines of redemption and atonement are fallacious.⁷

Do you know that the doctrine of atonement was accepted by the church three to four centuries after Jesus left the earth?⁸ Read **Deuteronomy 24:16**, **Jeremiah 31:30** and **Ezekiel 18:20** and you will see that this doctrine of atonement contradicts the Old Testament/Law:

Deut 24:16

“The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.”

Jeremiah 31:30

“ ...everyone shall die for his own iniquity;”

Ezekiel 18:20

“A child shall not suffer for the iniquity of a parent, nor a parent suffer for the iniquity of a child; the righteousness of the righteous shall be his own, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be his own.”

Now read **Matthew 7:1 & 2**, and **1 Corinthians 3:8**. There is no reason for atonement of “original sin” for **Matthew 19:14** clearly states that children (everybody at one time) belong to the kingdom of Heaven. This notion of “belonging to the kingdom of Heaven” is in line with the Islamic belief that:

“Every newborn child is born in complete submission to Allah (as a Muslim). Then his parents change him/her into Judaism, Christianity or Magianism.”

Further, Jesus states in **Mark 11:25-26** and **Luke 11:1-4** that trespasses (sins) are forgiven by God. So, there is no reason for Jesus' atonement of sins.

Mark 11:25-26

"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Luke 11:1-4

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, "When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil."

Once again, Jesus came not to destroy the law. It was Paul who abolished the [Mosaic] law. Read **Acts 13:39**:

“And by him that believes are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.”

The “authority” that Paul amassed allowed him to claim that the blessings of the Gospel were not limited to the Jews, but to all who believed.⁷ This also is an absolute contradiction to the mission, purpose and teachings of Jesus. Jesus’ true message was the law. The same law that guided Adam, Abraham, Moses, Noah and all the other prophets, to include the prophet of Islam - Mohammed, who is prophesied in the Bible as mentioned in the Quran.

وَاتَّبِعُوا الثُّورَ الَّذِي أُتْرِلَ مَعَهُ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ (١٥٧) «الأعراف»

I will reference and support two prophecies in the Bible that apply to none except Prophet Mohammed.

1. Old Testament - This prophecy which was addressed to Moses said that God will send among the “brethren” of the Israelites a prophet like Moses who will be a founder, a leader, and an exemplar of a community of believers.⁵ Read **Deuteronomy 18:18-20**:

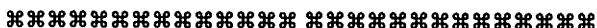
“I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not give heed to My Words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.”

Christians will surely say that this prophecy is referring to Jesus. No, it was Prophet Mohammed,

not Jesus, who like Moses was born from ordinary parents, got married, founded a faithful community, established a great law and died a natural death.⁵ The brethren of the Israelites (descendants of Abraham through Isaac) are Ishmaelities (descendants of Abraham through Ishmael). Jesus is excluded from this prophecy because he is an Israelite; otherwise the verse would read, “a Prophet from among themselves.”⁸

Let's compare a few crucial characteristics of Moses, Mohammed and Jesus which may clarify the identity of that prophet “like you (Moses)” who was to come which was taken from Christian-Muslim Dialogue, 1984, page 40:

	Moses	Mohammed	Jesus
Birth	Usual	Usual	Unusual
Family Life	Married Children	Married Children	No Marriage No Children
Death	Usual	Usual	Unusual
Writing down of revelation	Torah (During Life)	Quran (During Life)	None (After Him)
Nature of teachings	Spiritual	Spiritual	Spiritual



	Legal	Legal	No Legal
Acceptance of leadership	Rejected (Then Accepted)	Rejected (Then Accepted)	Rejected

2. Now the prophecy in the New Testament that refers to Prophet Mohammed. Read **John 14:16**:

“And I will pray to the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.”

This verse clearly states that another, a different one, an additional one, but of the same kind, yet distinctly different from the first¹¹ would be sent based on the prayer of Jesus. The million dollars question is, who is the first Comforter?”¹¹

The Christian world would unanimously say that this Comforter (or Helper, which is now being added) is the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost, depending upon which Bible you read, and is only supported by **John 14:26** which says:

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name...”

However, **John 14:26** and **John 14:16** contradict each other; in that, if **14:16** says another Comforter would be sent, then **14:26** is saying that the other one to be sent is the Holy Spirit/Ghost. This would mean that a total of two (2) Holy Spirits/Ghosts would have been sent. The usage of the word another in **John 14:16** means that one already existed.

Concerning another Holy Ghost to be sent, some Christians would defend this by saying the Holy Ghost was not on earth yet. Well, there are numerous instances in the Bible about the coming and going of the Holy Ghost before the birth and departure of the Messiah: **Luke 1:15** (John the Baptist), **Luke 1:41** (Elizabeth), **Luke 1:67** (Zachariah), **Luke 2:26** (Simeon), **Luke 3:22** (Jesus).¹¹

The Holy Ghost was helping Jesus in his ministry and helping his disciples on their missions of preaching and healing. If there is still any doubt about the workings of the Holy Ghost, then please read **John 20:21-22**:

“... as my Father hath sent me even so I send you, And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said unto them, receive ye the Holy Ghost.”¹¹

Remember, at this time Jesus had not departed the earth yet. So in order for the Comforter to come, Jesus said he would have to go away as stated in **John 16:7**:

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you; But if I depart, I will send him to you.”

Moreover, **John 14:26** contradict other explicit predictions of Jesus on the subject of the Comforter. Note, there are no other verses in the Bible, other than **John 14:26**, where it is mentioned that Jesus called the Holy Spirit/Ghost “he.” In all other verses of the Bible, the Holy Spirit/Ghost is called or identified as simple the Holy Spirit/Ghost. If we read **John 14:26** carefully, we can see that by inserting the words

“which is the Holy Ghost,” the writer is leading the reader to a conclusion. The same is done in John **14:22** by inserting the comment “not Iscariot.”

Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, “Lord, how is it that thou will...the world.”

To further support that the word “comforter” is not referring to the Holy Ghost, did you know that the word “comforter” is the English translation of the Greek word “periclytos” which is almost a literal translation of the Aramaic or Hebrew word “Mauhamana” used by Jesus himself, and which correlates with the name Mohammed,⁹ the last Prophet to come before the second coming of Jesus? Also, in New Testament Greek version, the word “spirit” has also been applied to an inspired person, “the possessor of a spiritual communication” or revelation. The one who becomes overwhelmed with a divine revelation is himself termed a “spirit”.¹⁴

Other verses that mentions the Comforter are **John 15:26:**

“But when the Comforter comes, who I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify of me,”

Now **John 16:12-14** which is the most comprehensive picture of Prophet Mohammed and Islam:

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when he, the Spirit of Truth (the Comforter) comes, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on his authority, but whatever he hears, he will speak; and he will tell you things to come. He will glorify me for he will take of what is mine and declare it to you.”

These characteristics of the Comforter are applicable only to Prophet Mohammed, as the following observations will show:

1. The Quran mentions the name Jesus twenty (20) more times than the name of Prophet

made me) kind to my mother, and not overbearing or unblest; So Peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)!”(Quran 19:29-33).

فَأَشَارَتْ إِلَيْهِ قَالُوا كَيْفَ نُكَلِّمُ مَنْ كَانَ فِي الْمَهْدِ صَبِيًّا (٢٩) قَالَ
إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ ءَاتَانِي الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا (٣٠) وَجَعَلَنِي مُبَارَكًا
أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُ وَأَوْصَانِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا (٣١)
وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا (٣٢) وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ
وُلِدْتُ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ أُبْعَثُ حَيًّا (٣٣) ، مريم ،

Also, in Islam, Mary the mother of Jesus is considered the most chaste woman and the best of all women in paradise. Thus did Mohammed really glorify Jesus.⁵ In addition, there is even a chapter (Sura) in the Quran named after Mary (Maryam), and

her name is mentioned 14 more times in the Quran than in the Bible (32/18).¹¹

2. The Quran was revealed to Prophet Mohammed through the angel Gabriel. When the angel Gabriel finished reciting parts of the Quran, Prophet Mohammed used to convey verbatim to his companions what he heard from the angel without adding, changing or forgetting anything.⁵ (Note: The angel Gabriel visited Prophet Mohammed once a year during the Holy month of Ramadan (Fasting), and twice during the last year of his life to confirm the text of the Quran.) The Quran also describes Prophet Mohammed by saying:

“Nor does he say (aught) of (his own) Desire. It is no less than Inspiration sent down to him.” (Quran 53:3-4).

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ (٣) إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ (٤) النجم ،

If we compare verses **53:3-4** of the Quran with **John 16:13**; “**He will not speak on his own authority,**” you will see the similarity between this characteristic of the Comforter and that of Prophet Mohammed.

3. Prophet Mohammed was the only messenger that came after Jesus. There was a period of six centuries between them. Jesus’ mission was limited to the “lost sheep of the children of Israel,” but Mohammed’s message was a universal message for all people (Gentiles and Samaritans included). Only Prophet Mohammed’s message was intended by God to be a universal and an everlasting message.⁵

CONCLUSION

My Christian brothers and sisters, given the information contained in this booklet, I hope you have begun to realize that the pillars of present day Christianity: Jesus is the Son of God; The Trinity; and, Jesus died on the cross for our sins, are all built on a weak, suspect and doubtful foundation. A foundation that is built upon following elements:

1. Present gospels were ratified by a murderer three hundred (300) years after Jesus left the earth.
2. Three hundred other gospels were destroyed.
3. The words, "Son of God, only begotten of the Father," ratified by a murderer.
4. The word "Gospel" was added to the titles of the writings: According to; Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
5. The "Gospels" written 60-100 A.D.
6. "Gospels" written in the third person.

7. Verses (Trinity doctrine) removed from the Bible and then put back.
8. Trinity accepted 3 centuries after Jesus' left the earth.
9. A pagan first mentioned the word Christian.
10. Present Christian holidays taken from pagan rituals.
11. Mistranslation and injection of words to deceive reader.
12. No disciple or gospel writer actually saw Jesus die on the cross.
13. Present day Christianity is from man-made doctrines.

It would be illogical to accept any one of the pillars of Christianity as having validity considering its very origin and foundation. The Bible tells us of the consequences that a man will incur if he builds his house without a foundation; total destruction. This man-made foundation that the present-day Christianity is built upon should lead you, if it's not too late, to continue to search for the way of life that is most acceptable to our Creator. A way of life that will provide you

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success in this world, and in the Hereafter, and save you from the torment of the Hell Fire.

Before closing, let me add a very serious comment: From this day forward you can not say you never heard the message of Islam, Prophet Mohammed, or what the Quran says about associating partners with Allah. For you will be questioned on the Day of Judgment as to why you did not heed the religion of Islam.

Please read and think about this verse of the Quran (18:110) that Prophet Mohammed was told by the Angel Gabriel to tell all mankind:

Say: "I am but a man like yourselves, (but) the inspiration has come to me, that your God is One God: Whoever expects to meet his Lord, let him work righteousness, and, in the worship of his Lord, admit no one as (His) partner."

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ
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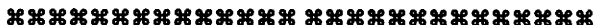
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Prophet Mohammed clarified verse *18:110* when he said:

“By Him in whose hand my life is, whoever among the Christians and the Jews hears about me but does not believe in what has been given to me will be among the inmates of Hell.”

My Christian brother/sister I invite you to set aside the religion of your parents and take that step toward researching, learning and then choosing the religion of divine guidance and wisdom. Become a Muslim today by sincerely believing and repeating aloud the following words; *“I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that Mohammed is Allah’s messenger,”* and begin to follow the original and authentic teachings of all the Prophets. For if you are a true believer, the Bible will lead you to the way (Deen) of Islam (Allah Willing), as it did for me and many others.

Assalamu Alaikum



Origin of Major Denominations in the United States

<u>Name</u>	<u>Founder</u>
Baptists	John Smyth in England in 1609 and Rogert Williams in Rhode Island in 1638
Methodist Church	Reverend John Wesley - Began evangelistic preaching within the Church of England in 1738; the Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in the United States in 1784.
Lutheran Church	Martin Luther - The first Lutheran congregation in North America was founded in 1638 in Wilmington, Delaware.
Mormons	Joseph Smith - Found golden tablets in 1820.
Pentecostal Church	Grew out of the "holiness movement" in the first decade of the twentieth century
Presbyterian Church	John Knox - Founded the first Presbyterian church in Scotland in 1557.
Episcopal Church	U.S. offshoot of the Church of England
United Church of Christ	Formed in 1957 by the union of General Council of Congregational Christians with the Evangelical and Reformed Churches
Church of Christ	Orgahized by Presbyterians in Kentucky in 1804 and in Pennsylvania in 1809.
Jehovah's Witnesses	Charles T. Russell in the U.S. in the late nineteenth century.
Seventh-Day Adventist Church	Grew out of the teachings of William Miller in the 1840s; formally founded in North America in 1863.

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